

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SALT LAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Study Session

March 12, 2014

The Board of Education of Salt Lake City School District met in a Board Study Session at 4:36 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 440 East 100 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Kristi Swett, Vice President Heather Bennett, J. Michael Clára, Rosemary Emery, Dr. Douglas Nelson, Tiffany Sandberg, and Laurel H. Young.

Members Excused: Lavenita Vaitai, Student Member.

Also Present: Superintendent McKell Withers; Janet Roberts, Business Administrator; Patrick Garcia, Associate Superintendent School Support; Craig Ruesch, Interim Executive Director Human Resources; Kristina Kindl, Director of Policy and Legal Services; Steve Woods, Executive Director, Auxiliary Services; Byron Garritson, Director of Human Resources; Michael Williams, Director of Development and External Relations; Susan McFarland, President, Salt Lake Teachers Association; John Robson, board legal counsel from Fabian Attorneys at Law; Jason Olsen, Public Information Officer; Lisa Schencker, *Salt Lake Tribune*; Jon Shimmer, *FOX 13 News*; Tina Hatch, Business Administration Office; and others in the audience.

In accordance with the agenda prepared for the Board Study Session of March 12, 2014, two motions were made. Items are reported as listed in the agenda and not necessarily in the order they were considered.

The meeting was called to order by President Swett, who presided.

1. BOARD STUDY SESSION

- President Swett welcomed everyone in the audience and thanked the Uintah Elementary School parents and community members who submitted questions to the board.
- Patrick Garcia led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A. STUDY TOPICS

1. Answers to school lunch questions from the Uintah Elementary School community.

President Swett distributed a document titled "Timeline of Child Nutrition Program Developments and Uintah School Lunch Incident". She went through an overview of the timeline of events, highlighting the inclusion of three attachments: a memo from Child Nutrition Services to district parents regarding the change to MyPaymentsPlus; the *What's Cookin'* newsletter dated November 19, 2013; and the February 7, 2014, press release outlining the changes to district procedures for managing breakfast and lunch accounts.

VOTE RECORD	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
BENNETT	X		
CLÁRA	X		
EMERY	X		
NELSON	X		
SWETT	X		
SANDBERG	X		
YOUNG	X		
A Absent	Ab Abstention	F Failed	
N "No" Vote	NA No Action	T Tabled	
W Withdrawn	*Unanimous Approval		
**Members Making Motion			

President Swett handed out a document titled "Answered Uintah Questions – March 12, 2014". She said the list included questions which could be answered by the Human Resource Director using information gathered during the investigation into the incident at Uintah. She said all questions, including the questions discussed in the Study Session, will be provided to the external investigator. She noted some questions were duplicated, and will be combined on the final list. She said once the documents have been appropriately redacted, all questions received by the district will be made public.

Vice President Bennett discussed the review of policies in the district. She said there are two district policies relating to Child Nutrition: Policy G-6, Food Service Management, which was last reviewed in June 2012, and is up for subcommittee review this month; and Policy G-3, Wellness, which was reviewed in January 2014.

President Swett distributed copies of a letter from the School Community Council Chair at Uintah Elementary School, Kerry Ferguson.

Board members discussed site-based decisions, district policy, the procurement procedures involved in purchasing the Horizon software, and the RFP for the external investigation of the personnel portion of the Uintah incident. President Swett reminded the audience personnel issues are not discussed in open meetings, and protected information would not be released to the public. She said the final report will be available to the public on the district Website, once the investigations have been completed.

President Swett acknowledged the hard work that has been done to prepare the list of questions, and said it has been a focus of the district. Copies of all handouts have been included in the official minutes.

B. ADJOURNMENT

<sup>W</sup>(1) At 5:15 p.m. a motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was withdrawn to allow questions from the audience.

\*\* (Young and Nelson)

Board members answered questions from audience members Annie Payne, Ashley Hoopes, Lynn Lonardo, and Erica Lukes, parents of Uintah Elementary School students.

Following a motion by Ms. Young, seconded by Dr. Nelson, the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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Janet M. Roberts  
Business Administrator

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